

IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~striketrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please AMEND claims 1, 6, 11, 16-26 and ADD new claim 27 in accordance with the following:

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An access inducing method for a client-server environment in which at least one client system is coupled to a server system, comprising:
automatically creating in the server system, with respect to the client system, a notification which includes information for inducing the client system to a homepage when a predetermined condition is satisfied, with reference to a point in time when the client system last accessed the homepage; and
automatically transmitting the notification to the client system using a different medium than a web page browsing medium, where the predetermined condition is set by the server system independent of the client system.
2. (ORIGINAL) The access inducing method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said information includes update information of the homepage on or after said point in time.
3. (ORIGINAL) The access inducing method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the predetermined condition is formed by a lapse of a predetermined time from said point in time.
4. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The access inducing method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising:
urging the client system to input user information, and
said notification being made based on the user information.
5. (ORIGINAL) The access inducing method as claimed in claim 4, wherein the user information includes notifying destination information, and the notification is made by a communication method depending on the notifying destination information.

6. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An access inducing apparatus adapted to a server system which is communicable with at least a client system, comprising:

first recording means for recording a point in time when the client system last made access to a homepage;

creating means for creating information for inducing the client system to the homepage; and

notifying means for automatically transmitting a notification which includes said information with respect to the client system using a different means than used to access the homepage, when a predetermined condition is satisfied with reference to said point in time, and

where the predetermined condition is set by the server system independent of the client system.

7. (ORIGINAL) The access inducing apparatus as claimed in claim 6, wherein said creating means creates information including update information of the homepage on or after said point in time.

8. (ORIGINAL) The access inducing apparatus as claimed in claim 6, wherein said predetermined condition is formed by a lapse of a predetermined time from said point in time.

9. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The access inducing apparatus as claimed in claim 6, further comprising:

second recording means for recording user information input from the client system, and said notifying means making the notification based on the user information.

10. (ORIGINAL) The access inducing apparatus as claimed in claim 9, wherein the user information includes notifying destination information, and said notifying means makes the notification by a communication method depending on the notifying destination information.

11. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A computer-readable storage medium which stores a program for causing a computer, which is communicable with at least a client system, to carry out a process of inducing the client system to a homepage, said program comprising:

a first recording procedure causing the computer to record a point in time when the client

system last made access to the homepage;

a creating procedure causing the computer to create information for inducing the client system to the homepage; and

a notifying procedure causing the computer to automatically transmit a notification using a different medium than used to access to the homepage ~~which includes~~including said information with respect to the client system, when a predetermined condition is satisfied with reference to said point in time, and

where the predetermined condition is set by the computer independent of the client system.

12. (ORIGINAL) The computer-readable storage medium as claimed in claim 11, wherein said creating procedure causes the computer to create information including update information of the homepage on or after said point in time.

13. (ORIGINAL) The computer-readable storage medium as claimed in claim 11, wherein said predetermined condition is formed by a lapse of a predetermined time from said point in time.

14. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The computer-readable storage medium as claimed in claim 11, wherein said program further comprises:

a second recording procedure causing the computer to record user information input from the client system, and

said notifying procedure causing the computer to make the notification based on the user information.

15. (ORIGINAL) The computer-readable storage medium as claimed in claim 14, wherein the user information includes notifying destination information, and said notifying procedure causes the computer to make the notification by a communication method depending on the notifying destination information.

16. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An access inducing apparatus adapted to a server system which is communicable with at least a client system, comprising:

a recording part which records a point in time when the client system last made access to

a homepage;

a creating part which creates information for inducing the client system to the homepage;

and

a notifying part which automatically transmits a notification, using a different medium than used to access to the homepage, which includes said information with respect to the client system, when a predetermined condition is satisfied with reference to said point in time, and

where the predetermined condition is set by the server system independent of the client system.

17. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An access inducing method for a client-server environment in which at least one client system is coupled to a server system, comprising:

automatically creating in the server system, with respect to the client system, a notification which includes information for inducing the client system to access data managed by the server system when a predetermined condition is satisfied, with reference to a point in time when the client system last accessed to the data; and

automatically transmitting the notification to the client system using a different medium than used to access to the homepage, where the predetermined condition is set by the server system independent of the client system.

18. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An access inducing apparatus adapted to a server system which is communicable with at least a client system, comprising:

first recording means for recording a point in time when the client system last accessed data managed by the server system;

creating means for creating information for inducing the client system to the data; and

notifying means for automatically transmitting a notification which includes said information with respect to the client system using a different means than used to access the data managed by the server system, when a predetermined condition is satisfied with reference to said point in time, and

where the predetermined condition is set by the server system independent of the client system.

19. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A computer-readable storage medium which stores a program for causing a computer which is communicable with at least a client system to carry out

a process of inducing the client system to data managed by a server system, said program comprising:

- a first recording procedure causing the computer to record a point in time when the client system last accessed the data;

- a creating procedure causing the computer to create information for inducing the client system to the data; and

- a notifying procedure causing the computer to automatically transmit a notification using a different medium than used to access the data, which includes said information with respect to the client system, when a predetermined condition is satisfied with reference to said point in time, and

where the predetermined condition is set by the server system independent of the client system.

20. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An access inducing apparatus adapted to a server system which is communicable with at least a client system, comprising:

- a recording part which records a point in time when the client system last accessed data managed by the server system;

- a creating part which creates information for inducing the client system to the data; and

- a notifying part which automatically transmit a notification which includes said information with respect to the client system using a different medium than used to access the data managed by the server system, when a predetermined condition is satisfied with reference to said point in time, and

where the predetermined condition is set by the server system independent of the client system.

21. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method to automatically transmit homepage related information, comprising:

- automatically sending a notification including information to attract a client system to the homepage when a predetermined condition is satisfied, where the notification is sent independent of a web browser useable to access the homepage when a predetermined condition ~~that is~~ set by a server system independent of a client system is met.

22. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method to automatically transmit homepage related

information to a client system in a client-server network, comprising:

creating the homepage related information when the client system pulls a homepage from ~~the a~~ a web server; and

pushing the homepage related information to the client system via the server using a different medium than used to access the web server when a predetermined condition is satisfied, where the predetermined condition is set by the server independent of the client system.

23. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method to automatically transmit homepage related information to a client system in a client-server network, comprising:

transmitting homepage update information via a server for updating a homepage, wherein the server automatically transmits the homepage update information to the client system using a different medium than used to access the homepage based on a previous access of the client system to the homepage and in accordance with a predetermined condition set by the server independent of the client system.

24. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method to automatically transmit homepage related information to a client system of a client-server network, comprising:

recording homepage related information of a homepage with reference to a point in time when the client system last accessed the homepage;

monitoring the homepage related information recorded to determine whether a predetermined amount of time has lapsed from the point in time when the client system last accessed the homepage;

requesting user information from the client system; and

sending a notification using a different medium than used to access the homepage when the predetermined amount of time has lapsed from the point in time when the client system last accessed the homepage based on the user information, where the predetermined amount of time is set by a server system independent of the client system.

25. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method for inducing re-access to a homepage via a client system of a client-server network, comprising:

storing homepage information when the client system accesses the homepage;

creating a notification for inducing re-access to the homepage via the client system.

~~where the notification for inducing re-access includes~~ including advertisement information related to the homepage and information transmitted independent of a medium used to access the homepage;

comparing the stored homepage information with contents of the homepage; and
automatically sending the notification to the client system when the stored homepage information and the contents of the homepage are different in accordance with a predetermined condition set by a server system independent of the client system.

26. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method for inducing a client system of a client-server network to re-access a homepage previously accessed by the client system, comprising:

allowing a homepage provider to create a notification via a medium independent of a browser used to access the homepage for inducing re-access to the homepage previously accessed by the client system and automatically transmitting the notification to the client system when a condition set by the homepage provider is met, where the condition of the homepage provider is set without requiring direct involvement of the client system.

27. (NEW) A method for inducing a client system to re-access a homepage previously accessed by the client system, comprising:

allowing a homepage provider to create a notification, upon a first access to the homepage via the client system, to induce a second access to the homepage by the client system; and

transmitting the notification independent of a web browser useable to access the homepage when a condition set by the homepage provider is met and executing the second access to the homepage using the client system responsive to the transmitted notification.